

# The Bethel Bell



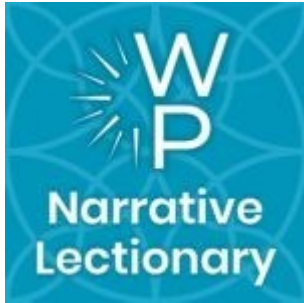
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## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LYNNE...

This fall we will begin using a new schedule for our worship readings. It is called the Narrative Lectionary and comes out of Luther Seminary. Here is their quick synopsis:



*The Narrative Lectionary is a four-year cycle of readings. On the Sundays from September through May each year the texts follow the sweep of the biblical story, from Creation through the early Christian church.*

*The texts show the breadth and variety of voices within Scripture. They invite people to hear the stories of Abraham and Sarah, Moses and the prophets, Jesus, and Paul. Listening to the many different voices within Scripture enriches preaching and the life of faith.*

The readings come from the Old Testament in the fall. We will read key stories from Genesis, Exodus, and other historical writings. During the weeks of Advent, we will hear from the prophets that lead us to the birth of Christ. After Christmas, we move into the gospel according to Mark and will work our way through that gospel chronologically through Easter. Then, through the Easter season to Pentecost we will hear stories from the Acts of the Apostles and Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

One of the benefits to the Narrative Lectionary is the continuity of stories heard in the order they appear in the Bible. Additionally, our children will be learning these stories at their developmental level and, hopefully, connect with them in worship. For the most part, our Sunday services will follow the same liturgical format of Gather, Word, Meal, and Sending that frames our worship together.

The biggest change will be that we will hear just one reading each Sunday. There may be an accompanying Psalm in some seasons, but for the most part we will focus on one passage of scripture, most of which narrate the stories of God's love and passion for the world.

Bethel has been using the 3-year cycle of the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for years and years. Our hope in moving to the Narrative Lectionary is that we will hear some parts of scripture that are missed in the RCL which will help us explore the larger sweep of God's story and our place in it.

The Deacons have agreed to try this lectionary for a year. Please give it a chance as we may find we need to make some adjustments. Then, we will welcome your feedback. I pray that God would speak to us in fresh ways and open us up to the fullness of life found in God's Holy Word.  
Gratefully, Pastor Lynne

For more information about the Narrative Lectionary, check out the Working Preacher website: <https://www.workingpreacher.org/narrative-faq>



### SAVE THE DATES

**Sept 4**, Labor Day  
- Office Closed

**Sept 10** – Fall  
Kick-Off Sunday  
(pg 7)

**Sept 6, 13, 20, 27,**  
**10:AM** - Wed  
Bible Study (pg 2)

**Sept 7, 12 PM** –  
Keenagers (pg 8)

**Sept 9, 10 AM** -  
BLCW (pg 6)

**Sept 10, 3 PM** -  
Mallard Landing  
Worship (pg 8)

**Sept 11 & 26,**  
**9 AM** - Share  
House Quilting

**Sept 12 & 27,**  
**9 AM** Mission  
Quilters

**Sept 12, 6:30 PM**  
– Council Meeting

**Sept 16, 9 AM** –  
Men's Breakfast  
(pg 7)

**Sept 19** Women's  
Circle Studies  
begin (pg 6)

**Sept 26** - Habitat  
Fundraiser (pg 4)

**Sept 27, 9 – 1 PM**  
– CPR Training  
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**Sept 30, 7 PM** –  
[Music Fest](#) (pg 4)

**Oct 28, 9-4 PM** –  
Bethel Bazaar  
(pg 9)

Bethel Lutheran Church Mission Statement

“We are called, enlightened and empowered through Christ  
to worship, witness, and serve.”

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES RETURN!

Join us at 10:00am each Wednesday as we dive into some of the Wisdom literature of the Hebrew scriptures (Old Testament). All are welcome!

- ⇒ September 6 – What is Wisdom literature?
- ⇒ September 13, 20, 27 – Proverbs
- ⇒ October 4, 11, 18, 25 – Ruth
- ⇒ November 1, 8, 15 - Ecclesiastes



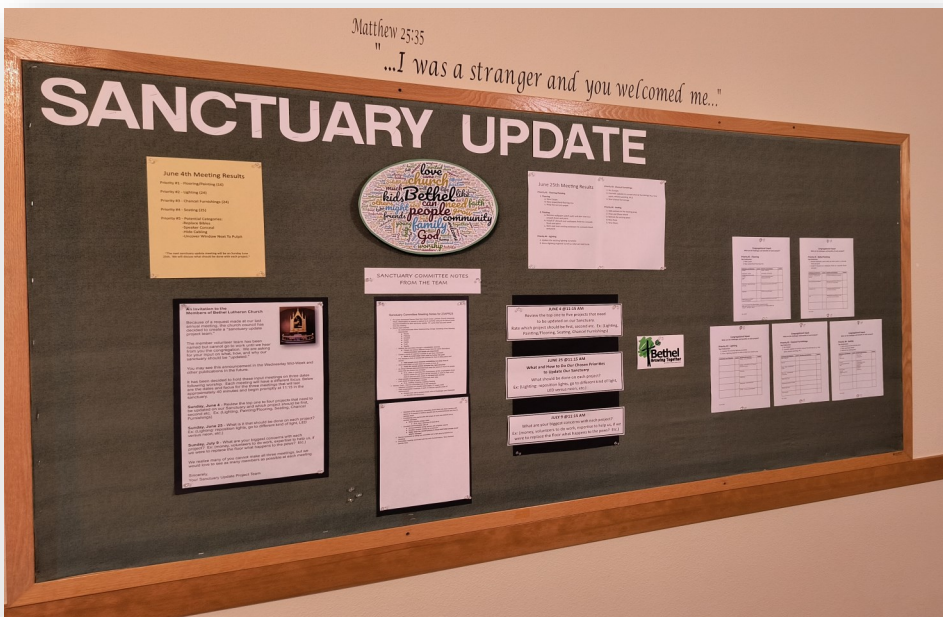
## AUGUST COUNCIL MINUTES

You can pick up a copy of the August Council Minutes in the church office or you can click on the link below.

[CLICK HERE](#)

## SANCTUARY UPDATE REPORT

The Sanctuary Team would like to thank the congregation for the input at the July 9 gathering. The comments and ideas from the July 9 gathering have been tallied and shared in a document by categories. [Click Here](#) to review or visit the bulletin board in the hallway across from the sanctuary.



The team will now conduct research and consult with volunteer teams to form work groups for the next steps. They will gather all the research and prepare recommendations for the council based on the research to present a plan. They are working towards having vision boards to present to the congregation as the research and planning move forward.



*We are in need of...*

- **volunteers**
- **paper supplies**

*contact Marcy 360-885-2181*



**- CPR TRAINING -  
SEPTEMBER 27, 9 - 1:00 PM**

Marcy Sprecher, with the Rocksolid Teen Center, has invited Bethel to join their leadership and staff for a CPR Training.

If you are interested, please contact Bonnie Stauffer at [blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org](mailto:blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org) to sign up.

The training will take place on Wednesday, September 27th from 9 AM-1 PM.

It will be covering adult, child and infant training for CPR, AED and FA.

The cost to each person is \$65 and it is due the day of training.

**CPR**    
**TRAINING**



# Community Outreach Ministries

September 2023



**EVERGREEN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Save the date the annual Raising the Roof Benefit Breakfast - you won't want to miss it this year! The annual breakfast is the biggest fundraising event providing an educational program on current projects and future plans. This year, contributions will go towards current new construction and rehabilitation projects and the Habitat Home Trust that focuses on preserving affordable housing stock in Clark County through permanent affordability.

Tuesday, September 26th

Doors open: 6:30am | Breakfast Served: 7:15am | Program: 7:30am-8:30am  
Vancouver Hilton | 301 W 6th St.

RSVP now to save your seat at a table by calling Kelsey Castrey at 360-737-1759 or email [Kelsey@ehfh.org](mailto:Kelsey@ehfh.org)

FRIENDS of the CARPENTER



**FRIENDS of the CARPENTER:** Over \$600 was raised recently for Friends of the Carpenter. This worthwhile organization is a non-profit, faith-based day facility that provides safety, structure and purpose for vulnerable members of our community. Two new activities are now available:

Art with Beth on Tuesdays from 10 am to noon.

Enjoy an array of fun and creative art projects. Painting, scroll saw (instruction provided), sketching, art from recycled and repurposed materials, cutting boards, birdhouses, planter boxes plus much, much more. Ideal for groups or individuals. Free to participate and materials are included. Contact [Danielle@friendsofthecarpenter.org](mailto:Danielle@friendsofthecarpenter.org) for more information.

Sewing with Lynn on Wednesdays from 10 am to noon.

Learn sewing, quilting, needlepoint, crocheting, basic repair and much more! Materials provided. Free to attend. Ideal for individuals or groups. Already a seamstress or quilter? Come down to the center for a change of pace and welcoming fellowship!

**NORTH COUNTY FOOD BANK:** Battle Ground Community United Methodist Church (#BGCUMC) will be holding a benefit for the North County Community Food Bank on Saturday September 30. Music, Food, Fun and Raffles are on the agenda. All proceeds collected go directly to the Food Bank in Battle Ground!

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

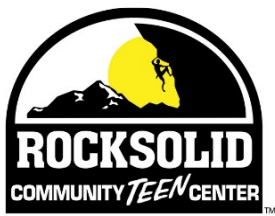
- ROCKSOLID Community Teen Center Volunteer
- Keeping In Touch Outreach Volunteer - Visits to the Homebound
- Help Maintain and Beautify Our Building, Property, and Grounds
- Make & Deliver Meals to Fellow Congregants in Need



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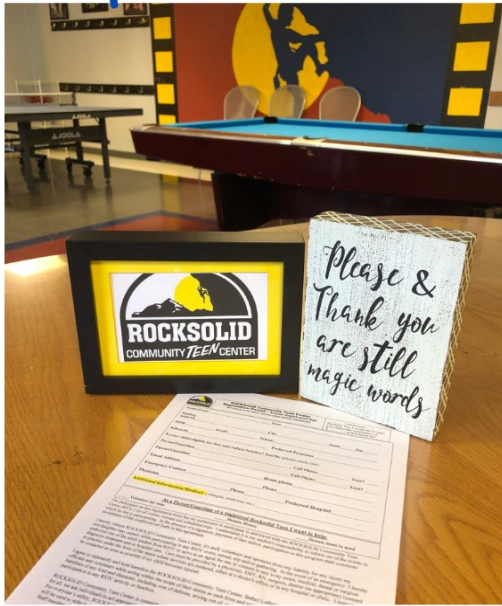
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# September Newsletter 2023

Welcome back teens! Happy 21st Birthday Rocksolid!

Register now!  
Kick off week is  
September 5-8th!



## Open House Sept. 20th 5:50-7pm

come see what our program offers!

*Volunteers  
welcome for  
ball!*

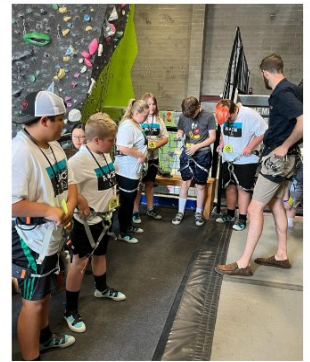
CALL THE TEEN CENTER  
360.885.2181



sponsored by: **Amerigroup**  
Rocksolid Auction Donors!

### Our August Adventures included:

The Source Climbing Center,  
Ft. Vancouver Public Library, Battle Ground Cinema,  
Clark County Historical Museum, Mt. Tabor Park,  
Portland Art Museum, and Oregon Jewish Museum



## Thank you, Bethel, for giving us a home!

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# Chimin' in

INFORMATION FOR AND ABOUT  
**BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN**  
September 2023



**Join a quilting group!**  
They resume Sept 11 & 12

**Share House Quilters**  
2nd and 4th Monday  
at 9:00 AM

**Mission Quilters**  
2nd and 4th Tuesday  
at 9:00 AM

**NO experience  
necessary  
only willing hands!**

**Come join us in September!**



**Set-up for  
Sunday Fellowship Hour**  
September Host: Naomi

Members of the Circle  
will set up the coffee  
for Sunday morning  
and schedule helpers  
for cleaning up afterwards.

All Bethel families are invited to  
help with food as well as  
serving & clean up.

There is a sign up sheet on the  
bulletin board in the hallway.

**BLCW BRUNCH SEPTEMBER 9 AT 10 AM**

**SEPTEMBER HOSTESS: NAOMI CIRCLE**



- ⇒ Note the date change due to Labor Day weekend.
- ⇒ Bring a friend
- ⇒ Bring your favorite brunch dish to share

**The Theme: Grandma's Brag Day!**

- ⇒ Share photos, tell why you have the greatest grandchild.
- ⇒ We will have a contest to "Guess Which Grandma" so we can learn more about these wonderful children and their grandmas.

**Join a Women's Bible Study Circle**



Connect with a Women's Circle  
on the 3rd Tuesday  
of each month.

Bible Studies resume Sept 19



**COMING UP IN OCTOBER**  
**BLCW BRUNCH HOSTESS: PRISCILLA**

**THE OCTOBER THEME:**  
Halloween Surprise Trick or Treat  
*You'll have to come and find out!*

**NOMINATIONS FOR BLCW OFFICERS  
WILL BE OPEN FOR 2024**



# Here's what's new with Sunday School!



Board of Ed is excited to share an update with you about **Sunday School beginning Sunday, September 10**. This fall we will be introducing a new style of teaching we are calling "**Bible Time**" because it is based on the stories presented in worship from the Narrative Lectionary. Rather than meeting before worship, the children will begin worship with their families through the reading of the scripture story. We will then invite them into the classroom, during Pastor's message to the congregation, for 15-20 minutes of kid-centered activities in response to the story. The children will return to worship for Holy Communion and the rest of the service with their families. We will have more to share over the next few months as we ease into this transition.

**Adult Sunday School will resume on September 10 at 9:00am in the same format as last year, reading and reflecting on the scripture reading for the next week. Prayers are requested for the teachers and children as we are excited to enjoy Bible Time together!**

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST RESUMES SEPTEMBER 16!



### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 9 AM

- ⇒ Breakfast will be served
- ⇒ **Program - "Fishing with Eric Ogren in Alaska!"**
- ⇒ Sign-up at the welcome desk to let them know how much food to plan for.



# Announcements



**SEPT 10 at 3:00 PM**

Sharing our faith with the residents of Mallard Landing Assisted Living will be on Sept 10 at 3pm. Come join us. For more information, contact Nanci Keenan.

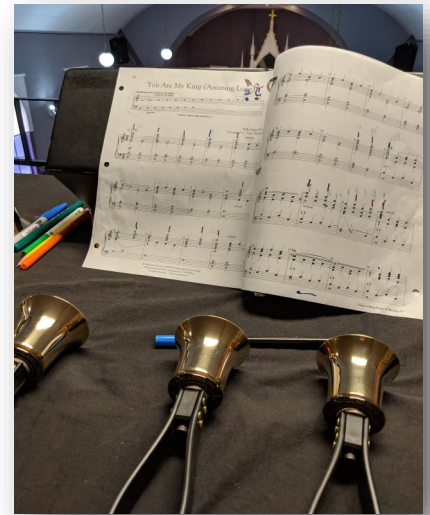


Mallard Landing is located at [813 SE Clark Ave, Battle](#)



## Keenagers ♦ September 7

Join us for a noon potluck at Keenagers on Thursday, September 7, to learn more about the free service Community in Motion is providing for residents with its new North County Shuttle Service. The North County Shuttle is available on a weekly basis to residents of five service areas in North Clark County, serving one specific area each day of the week (Monday through Friday). Community in Motion is a local non-profit whose mission is to connect neighbors with access to reliable transportation options that support healthy, independent living. Spread the word, or better yet, bring a friend who might benefit from this service.



The Bethel Handbell Choir will begin practicing sometime in September. If you are interested in playing bells this year, contact

Nanci Keenan  
360-666-1269 or

[nkeenan517@gmail.com](mailto:nkeenan517@gmail.com)





# BETHEL BAZAAR

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH  
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

~Vendors~

Contact Bonnie Stauffer at  
(360) 892-4231 or  
[blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org](mailto:blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org)  
to reserve your spot.

Food products may only be sold  
with proper permits.

FREE COFFEE AND  
COOKIES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE  
BETHEL KITCHEN

Watch for more information  
in the Mid-Week on how  
you can help at the Bazaar!

- ⇒ Setting Up
- ⇒ Take Down-Clean Up
- ⇒ Advertising
- ⇒ Cookie Donations
- ⇒ Greeters
- ⇒ And more to come!

Pick up Bethel Bazaar Posters  
and Postcards at the  
welcome desk to help spread  
the word around the  
community!

[Vendor Application Forms](#)  
can be found on the  
welcome desk or contact  
the office.

## A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE BERGREN FAMILY

Jenna Bergren and Jacob Mallory  
would like to invite you to their  
wedding ceremony September 9<sup>th</sup>  
at 2:00 PM at the Battle Ground  
Baptist Church. (please arrive at  
least 15 minutes early).

Please join them for a cake  
reception following the ceremony.  
Jenna is the daughter of Ken and  
Carolyn Bergren and granddaughter  
of Judy Bergren



# Musician Position Open: Worship Pianist

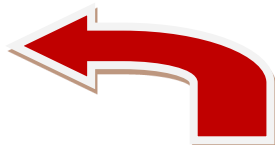
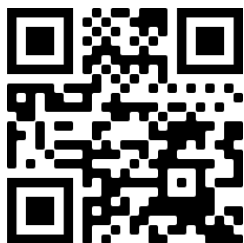
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Bethel Lutheran Church is seeking an experienced pianist to lead congregational singing for worship, 1-2 Sundays per month. Contact the church office for a complete job description and application information.



SCAN THE CODE ON YOUR DEVICE TO FIND THE JOB DESCRIPTION



## Join us for Worship at 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings!

- ⇒ **In Person:** 12919 NE 159th Street Brush Prairie, WA
- ⇒ **YouTube Livestream:** The link can be found on the home page of our website at [bethelbrushprairie.org](http://bethelbrushprairie.org)
- ⇒ **Phone Patch:** Dial this number 360-729-0011. Put your phone on speaker and don't forget to hit the mute button.

### Worship Assistants Schedule for September 2023

DATE 2023	USHER	USHER	GREETER	GREETER	READER
3-Sep	Terry Smith	Dick Wolf	Marlyne Olson	Maureen Smith	Ray Sell
10-Sep	Dick Wolf	Larry Kytola	Nanci Keenan	Jon Bradley	Ken Sayler
17-Sep	Dennis Stauffer	Neal Correy	Claudia Bottemiller	Kay Nock	Rick Hauser
24-Sep	Jim Fuerstenberg	Ray Sell	Chad McCabe	Tara MaCabe	Randy Crawley

DATE 2023	ASSISTING MINISTER	VIDEO	SOUND	POWER POINT	BROADCAST AUDIO
3-Sep	Eric Ogren	Jim Bergren	Dustin Zumwalt	David Flemming	Ken Bergren
10-Sep	Ken Sayler	Jim Bergren	Eric Ogren	Dustin Zumwalt	Ken Bergren
17-Sep	Ken Sayler	Chris Kast	Ken Bergren	Laura Kast	Dustin Zumwalt
24-Sep	Jim Bergren	Rob Moon	Dustin Zumwalt	Amber Moon	Ken Bergren

DATE	NAME	Flower Occasion
3-Sep	Ken and Denneva Coats	Anniversary
10-Sep	Jim and Nancy Fuerstenberg	62nd Anniversary
17-Sep	John and Carolyn Bomar	
24-Sep	Andy Bryant	





Do you have important Bethel news?

You can send updates, or information to us!

Parish Admin: Bonnie Stauffer  
blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org

Pastor: Lynne Ogren  
blcpastor@bethelbrushprairie.org

A/V Ministry: Jim Bergren  
blcav@bethelbrushprairie.org

Email Prayer Chain: Judy Wood  
wildwood1@aol.com

RSTC Director: Marcy Sprecher  
Marcy@rocksolid-teen.com

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October 2023  
Bethel Bell Newsletter Articles  
are due by September 17



Mon-Thurs 9:00-3:00

**The office will be closed  
on Labor Day, September 4**

Please call if you have questions.

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Today we ask for prayer for Judy Sutera, Marion Hume, Jody Huffstutler, Lucille Gukeisen, Denneva Coats, Sheryl Elder, Dottie Davis, Audrey Fossum, Myra Wilkinson, Don Ellertson, and Elmer Stacy (Lynne Stacy's husband)



We also pray for the financial & spiritual health & growth of Bethel and for all who struggle with illness and economic issues. We ask God's guidance and protection on our military, our leaders and our country.

Thank you Bethel for your continued financial support.



Have you considered setting up automatic giving through your bank or credit union? It's usually done at no charge.

# CONTACT information



Have you updated your email and phone contact list?

Do you have the Bethel office listed as [blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org](mailto:blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org) or are you still using the old Comcast address?

If you send us an email at the old Comcast address, we might not receive your email and you might not be getting information from Bethel.

Bonnie is happy to help you if you have any questions [blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org](mailto:blcoffice@bethelbrushprairie.org)



Rachel Fleming	09/01
Evelyn Marie Fleming	09/01
Jon Bradley	09/01
Nanci Keenan	09/05
Ron Gullickson	09/07
Merrili Sprecher	09/07
Jeff Kytola	09/18
Katie Aguilar	09/18
Ken Bergren	09/22
Marie-Jeanne Presthus	09/23
Adam DeBroeck	09/27
Earl Freimuth	09/27



Ken & Denneva Coats	09/01/2008
Chad & Tara McCabe	09/10/2006
Jim & Nancy Fuerstenberg	09/11/1961
Robert & Amber Moon	09/14/1996
Robert & Janice Shepard	09/19/1992
David & Rachel Fleming	09/22/2012
Doug & Joy Frahm	09/30/1972

If you had a birthday or anniversary and are not listed, OR if dates are incorrect or incomplete, PLEASE call the church office at 360-892-4231 so we can update our list. Thank you.



### Keep our Servicemen and Women In Your Prayers

**SPC Alec Rohrer, US Army**, grandson of Jack & Cindi Graves, serving at Fort Carson, Co.

**Johnathan Cook, USAF**, grandson of Kay Nock, stationed in New Mexico

**Zackery Scott Noorlun, USAF, TSgt**, great-grandson of Clarice Noorlun and great-nephew of Candi Ehrich, serving as an avionics technician at Royal Air Force Lakenheath in the UK.

**Nick Otos, USAF**, nephew of Kari Otos, stationed at Okinawa, Japan

**Luke Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in Germany.

**Lonnie Terry - US Air Force**, stationed in New Mexico.

**Derrick Wolf, USN**, grandson of Dick & Charlene Wolf. Derrick is on recruiting duty in Virginia.

**Chandler Heppe, USAF**, Capt, nephew of Eric & Lynne Ogren, stationed in Utah.

**Regan Heppe, USAF**, Lt. niece of Eric and Lynne Ogren, stationed in Mississippi

**A soldier said:** *“When I die do not play taps over my grave. Instead play reveille, the morning call, the summons to arise.”*

***If you have an update for this list, please let the office know***

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Christ Welcomes All

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<https://www.instagram.com/blcfamily/>

## Sunday Worship at 10:00 AM

In-Person, [YouTube Livestream Channel](#), or [by Phone Patch](#).

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